

BEFORE THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

KELLIE BLUM,)	
Charging Party)	Cause No. 0021009986
)	
vs.)	ORDER AFFIRMING
)	NOTICE OF DISMISSAL
)	
WAL MART STORES, INC.,)	
Respondent.)	

The above-captioned matter came before the Montana Human Rights Commission (Commission) on November 21, 2002. The Commission considered Charging Party's objection to the dismissal of the complaint. Oral argument was requested. Michael San Souci appeared on behalf of Charging Party, Kellie Blum. John Kutzman appeared on behalf of Respondent, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.

After listening argument on appeal and a review of the entire record, the Commission concludes that the Human Rights Bureau (Bureau) properly dismissed the matter. The record supports the conclusion that Charging Party, Kellie Blum, was unable to establish by a preponderance of the evidence that she had been subject to discrimination on the basis of disability. *See § 49-2-504(1)(a), MCA*. Consequently, the Commission determines there was no abuse of discretion by the Bureau in its issuance of a Notice of Dismissal. *24.9.1714(3), ARM*.

Charging Party will have 90 days after the receipt of this order to petition a district court in the district where the alleged violation occurred for the appropriate relief. *§ 49-2-509(5), MCA and 24.9.1717(5), ARM*. If Charging Party fails to commence a civil action within 90 days, the claim is time barred. *Id.*

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Charging Party's objection is overruled and notice of dismissal is affirmed.

Dated this _____ day of November 2002

Mr. Gary Hindoien, Chair
Montana Human Rights Commission

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersign employee of the Human Rights Bureau certifies that a true copy of the forgoing Human Rights Commission ORDER was served on the following persons by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, on November ____, 2002.

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